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Region 9

September 2006 Issue

Data for July 2006
(Preliminary)

Beginning with the January publication, this newsletter contains information on only the **Indiana Economic Growth Region 9** which includes Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

***INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS**

Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.



The July 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during July. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

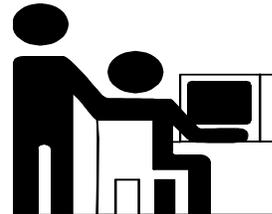
**Job Openings
Economic Growth Region 9
July 2006**

	Number Of Openings	Average Hourly Wage
Assemblers (Factory Work)	42	10.54
Production Laborers	22	10.83
Bakers & Confectionary Decorating Workers	15	10.17
Bakers, Bread and Pastry	15	10.17
Bakers, Manufacturing	15	10.17
Other Cleaning/Building Service Workers	10	8.85
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	10	9.14
General Office Clerks	8	9.19
Receptionists/Information Clerks	8	10.50
Janitors and Cleaners	7	9.28
Machine Feeders & Offbearers	7	10.34
All Other Machine Operators	6	9.58
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Operators	6	9.58
Cashiers, General	6	8.28
Maintenance Repairers: General Utility	6	10.98
Production Helpers	6	9.54
Telemarketers, Door-to-Door Sales Workers	6	16.50
Truck Drivers, Heavy	6	19.05

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

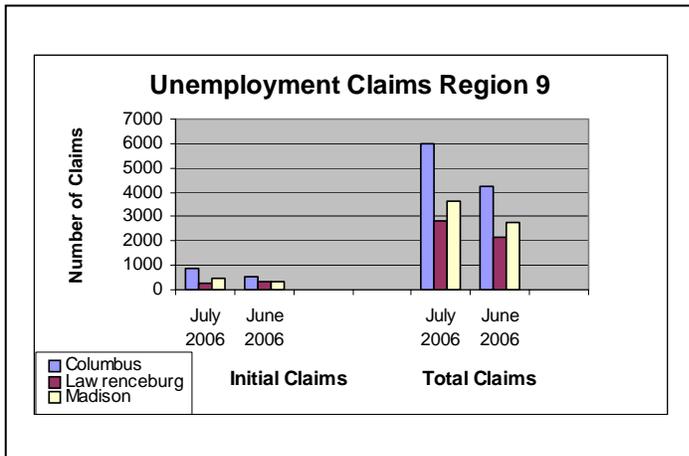


LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

MONTHLY COMPARISON OF CLAIMS

By local office



	July 2006	June 2006
Initial Claims		
Columbus	851	537
Lawrenceburg	296	306
Madison	453	311
Total Claims		
Columbus	5,958	4,241
Lawrenceburg	2,830	2,167
Madison	3,627	2,783

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

AREA	TOTAL	NUMBER EMPLOYED	NUMBER UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR FORCE			JULY 2006	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005
United States	153,208,000	145,606,000	7,602,000	5.0	4.8	5.2
Indiana	3,297,700	3,114,800	182,900	5.5	5.1	5.3
Columbus, IN MSA	38,430	36,650	1,780	4.6	4.4	4.7
Bartholomew County	38,430	36,650	1,780	4.6	4.4	4.7
Dearborn County	27,490	25,850	1,640	6.0	5.7	5.5
Decatur County	13,090	12,500	590	4.5	4.3	4.8
Franklin County	12,410	11,700	710	5.7	5.4	5.6
Jackson County	23,590	22,460	1,130	4.8	4.6	4.8
Jefferson County	17,470	16,510	960	5.5	4.9	5.2
Jennings County	14,300	13,350	950	6.6	5.9	6.9
Ohio County	3,300	3,110	190	5.7	5.1	4.8
Ripley County	15,400	14,650	750	4.9	4.8	4.9
Switzerland County	6,045	5,795	250	4.2	4.1	4.4

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The July 2006 data are preliminary data and the July 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 9 has been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY

RANK – JULY 2006	COUNTY	JULY 2006 RATE
72	Bartholomew	4.6
34	Dearborn	6.0
76	Decatur	4.5
39	Franklin	5.7
67	Jackson	4.8
47	Jefferson	5.5
25	Jennings	6.6
40	Ohio	5.7
65	Ripley	4.9
85	Switzerland	4.2

Howard County ranked 1st with a rate of 9.2 % and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 3.3 %.

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WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT IN AREA ESTABLISHMENTS

	CHANGE FROM				
	JULY 2006	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005
	(preliminary data)				
Total Nonfarm	43.3	43.5	42.9	-200	400
Total Private	38.0	37.8	37.6	200	400
Goods Producing	17.0	16.8	16.7	200	300
Natural Resources / Construction	1.6	1.6	1.7		
Manufacturing	15.4	15.2	15.0	200	400
Durable Goods	13.4	13.3	13.1	100	300
Service Providing	26.3	26.7	26.2	-400	100
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0
Wholesale Trade	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-100
Retail Trade	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	100
Trans., Warehousing, Util.	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Information Services	.5	.5	.5	0	0
Financial Activities	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	100
Professional & Business Services	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
Educational & Health Services	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Leisure & Hospitality Services	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	-100
Other Services	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	100
Government	5.3	5.7	5.3	-400	0
Federal Government	.2	.2	.2	0	0
State Government	.6	.6	.6	0	0
Local Government	4.5	4.9	4.5	-400	0
Local Government Education	1.3	1.7	1.4	-400	-100

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